

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2619 - SB 2854

February 20, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes circuit and criminal courts to order work release for misdemeanor offenders who are serving a sentence in the county workhouse or jail for second offense D.U.I. prior to serving the mandatory 45 days sentence of jail time. Recently, the Tennessee Supreme Court interpreted the current law regarding this matter to apply only to general sessions courts. State trial courts had generally interpreted the provision to grant jurisdiction to state trial courts as well as general sessions court to grant work release to second offense D.U.I. offenders prior to serving a 45 day mandatory sentence.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact - Prevents the loss of revenues to local governments from work release offenders for room and board estimated to exceed \$100,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "J".

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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